

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending. By this amendment, new claim 31 is added.

The restriction requirement dated September 4, 2007 asserts a restriction requirement between Group I (claims 1-20) and Group II (claims 21-30). Applicant elects to prosecute claims in Group I, i.e., claims 1-20 and 31. Applicant notes that claim 31 is a linking claim that links claims in Groups I and II. Accordingly, upon allowance of claim 31, Applicant expects that the restriction requirement will be withdrawn and claims in Group II will be examined. Please see MPEP§ 809.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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